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Our Case No. 9281/4596  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
SAITO et al.	)	Previously-Assigned Examiner:
	)	B. Miller
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	
Filing Date: Herewith	)	Previously-Assigned
	)	Group Art Unit No.:
	)	2652
For: SPIN-VALVE MAGNETORESISTIVE	)	
THIN FILM ELEMENT	)	

**COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

As permitted by 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1)(i-iv) and MPEP §201.06(c) Applicants have filed herewith a copy of the original Declaration and a new specification that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application. The accompanying new specification differs from the original specification for parent case Serial No. 09/358.123 in the following ways:

- 1) Paragraph numbers have been used in place of line numbers pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.52(b)(6).
- 2) A priority claim to the parent application appears at paragraph [0001].
- 3) Present claims 1-24 have been substituted for the original claims. The claims that now appear in the application have the following status, where the claims designated as "reinstated" are reinstated from the parent application identified in paragraph [0001] in the specification:

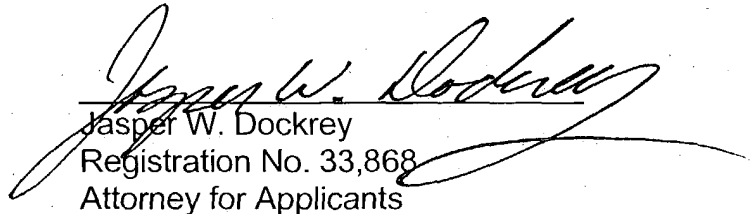
Claim 1. (Reinstated – formerly claim 47)

Claim 2. (Reinstated – formerly claim 48)

Claim 3. (New)  
Claim 4. (Reinstated – formerly claim 49)  
Claim 5. (Reinstated – formerly claim 50)  
Claim 6. (Reinstated – formerly claim 51)  
Claim 7. (Reinstated – formerly claim 52)  
Claim 8. (Reinstated – formerly claim 53)  
Claim 9. (Reinstated – formerly claim 61)  
Claim 10. (Reinstated – formerly claim 62)  
Claim 11. (New)  
Claim 12. (New)  
Claim 13. (Reinstated – formerly claim 54)  
Claim 14. (Reinstated – formerly claim 55)  
Claim 15. (Reinstated – formerly claim 56)  
Claim 16. (Reinstated – formerly claim 57)  
Claim 17. (Reinstated – formerly claim 58)  
Claim 18. (Reinstated – formerly claim 59)  
Claim 19. (Reinstated – formerly claim 60)  
Claim 20. (Reinstated – formerly claim 63)  
Claim 21. (Reinstated – formerly claim 64)  
Claim 22. (New)  
Claim 23. (New)  
Claim 24. (New)

Applicants' corrected specification is provided to take advantage of the provisional rights potentially available to Applicants under 35 U.S.C. §154(d). Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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